

REMARKS

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed August 21, 2006. Claims 1-37, 41-49, and 53-60 have been canceled without prejudice, solely to expedite prosecution, and will be pursued in subsequent applications. Original claims 38-40 and 50-52 are pending. New claims 61-72 have been added and are pending. The new claims are dependent on the currently allowed pending claims and are directed at a composition that comprises a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or a pharmaceutically acceptable sodium salt. Support for these new claims may be found in Paragraph 66 of the patent application as filed; no new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-7, 10-20, 23-28 and 53-57 are rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph. This rejection is now moot.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC §102

Claims 1, 2, 8, 14, 15, 21, 27, 29, 30 and 53 are rejected under 35 USC §102. This rejection is now moot.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC §103

Claims 12, 13, 25, 26, 36 and 37 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a). This rejection is now moot.

Claim Objections

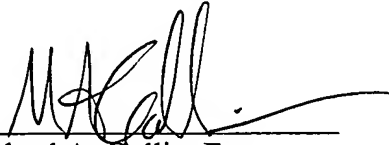
Claims 31-35, 43 – 47 and 58 are objected to as depending from rejected base claims. This rejection is now moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the forgoing, all of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been rendered moot. Applicant submits that a full and complete reply has been made. Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that the claims 38-40, 50-52, and 61-72 are in condition for allowance and favorable action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner can reach the undersigned at (914) 345-9001 (ext. 6206).

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Respectfully submitted,

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